

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-30 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add the following claim

31. After the entry of the instant amendment, the pending claims will be:

Claims 1-30 (cancelled).

31. (new) A method of filling, the method comprising associating the following objects according to the order of the direction of relative displacement of a head of a filling product in relation to the substrate i.e. a spreading element for the product to be filled on the surface of the substrate; an element for displacing the filling product in the area to be filled; an element for adjusting the thickness or raking off the excess filling product such that the above-mentioned filling product remains constantly in contact with the area to be filled from the beginning of the filling operation until raking off of the excess product.